

CHAPTER NO. 883

HOUSE BILL NO. 2594

By Representatives Kerr, Rinks

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 2149

By Senators Burchett, Cohen

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-5-208, relative to enact the "Fair Ballot Access Act of 2000".

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. The provisions of this act shall be known and may be cited as the "Fair Ballot Access Act of 2000".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-5-208(d)(1), is amended by deleting the subdivision in its entirety and by substituting instead the following language:

On general election ballots, the name of each statewide political party having nominees on the ballot shall be listed at the top of the columns, with the listing of the candidates' names underneath. In such column for independent candidates, for the November 2000 general election, if the presidential candidate of a party which is not a statewide party received more than five thousand (5,000) votes in Tennessee in the November 1996 presidential election, then in addition to listing the name of a candidate who was nominated by such candidate's political party, the candidate may elect to have the candidate's party name included in the space allocated on the ballot for the candidate along with the name of such candidate. After the November 2000 general election, in order for these provisions to apply, the presidential candidate of a party which is not a statewide party must receive at least five percent (5%) of the votes cast in Tennessee in the last presidential election preceding the election in which the candidate seeks to have such candidate's party name included in such space on the ballot. The name of the political party may not be one which resembles that of any statewide political party. If the ballot arrangement established in this section will not fit on a voting machine ballot, the county election commission may arrange the ballot so that the voting machine will accommodate the entire ballot.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 31, 2000


JIMMY RAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES


JOHN S. WILDER
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 6th day of June 2000


DON CONQUIST, GOVERNOR